

We have been loyal customers of Critter Cabana Newberg and Wilsonville for 15 years. Critter Cabana is an integral part of the community. We have adopted three dogs from Critter Cabana over the years. We chose to adopt through Critter Cabana because we trust the owners and their business choices. Our first dog was a pug we named Morsel. The staff at Critter Cabana are very knowledgeable about the puppies they sell. They take the time to match your needs and desires with the type of puppy they have. We had never considered a pug before and after one day with her we were in love. We have since bought a second pug (Bait) and then a couple years later a Yorkshire terrier/Chihuahua mix (Olive the Other Reindeer). The puppies at Critter Cabana have all come from local families. I trust Critter Cabana to choose well taken care of puppies from reputable breeders. They have all gone through vet checks and are healthy.

Through Critter Cabana we have met our trusted Veterinarians at Animal Care Clinic. Each puppy comes with a free vet check and have all had their vaccinations up to date. The staff at Critter Cabana take the time to go through puppy care and important safety information to help the adoption go successfully. New owners are encouraged to continue veterinary check ups to keep their puppies healthy and happy.

For many years when our children were younger, we would visit "Puppy Critter". I often see people cuddling the puppies there and receiving benefits from interactions with the puppies and staff. It is a cornerstone of the community.

As applied to HB2805, we understand Critter Cabana sources puppies from reputable breeders. The unfortunate circumstances necessitating said bill seem to have more to do with irresponsible pet owners who do not spay/neuter their dogs thus leading to unwanted pets more than responsible establishments who depend on puppy sales as an important revenue source while providing a valuable community resource. How about a bill requiring all pet owners to spay/neuter if they don't intend to breed for income after following proper licensing?

Our dogs have enriched our lives a priceless amount. The owners of critter cabana remember us, and our puppies and ask about them often. We share a love of animals, not sales. Banning puppy sales at Critter Cabana will not stop puppy mills... it will only hurt families who want the community infrastructure to facilitate responsible pet ownership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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